

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

On page 13, line 27, please, change “front point 32” as – front point 40 --.

On page 14, line 3, please, change “upper surface 42” as – upper surface 52 --.

On Page 12, line 3, please, add the following text:

-- FIGURE 13 is a fragmental cross-sectional view of a fastener according to another embodiment of the instant invention, wherein the fastener comprises an elastic body molded at least under the lower side of the head of the fastener of the present invention. --

On page 15, please, replace the paragraph starting in line 25 and ending in line 28, with the following paragraph:

-- In still a different embodiment, better illustrated in Figures 5 and 6, the barbs 36 a front point 40 and an origin 38 at a region selected from the side neck portion 22 and the side leg portion 32. The barbs comprise a proximal barb section 36i starting at the origin 38, which proximal barb section 36i is directed outwardly away from the side neck portion 22 or the side leg portion 32 , respectively. The barbs 36 also comprise a distal barb section 36ii ending at the front point 40, which distal barb section 36ii is directed inwardly toward the side neck portion 22 or the side leg portion 32, respectively. --

On page 18, please, replace the paragraph starting in line 23 and ending in line 28, with the following paragraph:

-- When water-proofing, and/or gas-proofing are desired for a particular application, and/or vibration noises are to be prevented, an elastic body 7

is preferably integrally molded at least at the lower side 16 of the substantially flat head portion 12 of the fastener 10, as better illustrated in Figure 13. Such elastic bodies are for example disclosed in US Patents 5,725,343 (Smith), and 6,379,092 (Patel et al.) both of which are incorporated herein by reference. --